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Dear Action Coalition Co-Leads,

As we mark the first anniversary of the landmark Institute of Medicine report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* and the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action* that was organized to move from recommendations to implementation, I am amazed at what already has been accomplished in one short year.

It is impressive that you—along with 35 other states—so quickly organized coalitions with broad, diverse, and powerful memberships—a feat exemplified by the outstanding application that led to your recognition as an official Action Coalition. At this time when we pause to look back at how far we've come, I want to thank you for the extraordinary efforts that you've contributed already toward our common aim: to transform nursing to improve patient care.

With the leadership of champions like you, the report's recommendations continue to gather support and momentum. I encourage you to visit www.thefutureofnursing.org for a look at what others are doing.

As we look forward to the coming years and what we can accomplish by working together, your knowledge, experience and expertise will continue to show the way. No question, this is a big responsibility. Together we must remain focused and diligent to ensure that we meet our goal of a transformed health care system that delivers high-quality, cost-effective care to all Americans.

So many people and organizations have brought extraordinary energy and drive to this work. I am honored to be their partner—and *your* partner. Thank you for your dedication.



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